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SUBMARINE MENACE SWEEPING DOWN ON UNITED STATES; MAY GIVE BERNSTORFF PASSPORTS

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The submarine menace sweeps on and every hour draws the United States nearer a break with Germany.

No restraining developments appear to stem the tide. Official Washington is convinced the crash is only a matter of time and a question of forms.

A long session of the cabinet and a dramatic night meeting of the president and senators at the capitol disclosed a unanimity of opinion that a challenge to the honor of the United States must be met.

The means of doing so appear to be the only question undetermined.

Officials Pleased To Find Nation Is Back of President

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Administration officials are gratified and surprised at what they interpret as a practically unanimous opinion of the country on the situation so unexpectedly precipitated by Germany's submarine warfare declaration. Not only nearly all of the large metropolitan newspapers reaching the state department, but also the small country papers, are declared to accept as a basic principle the belief that America's interests and honor have been attacked.

One official said today that this viewpoint, which had been awaited before any announcement, has had a great effect on the formation of a decision. The administration is known to feel that while the German announcement justifies any action that may be deemed best, the administration should not outdo public opinion.

European sailings of all ships flying the American flag should postpone leaving port, according to the opinion of the state department. Secretary Lansing in announcing that a message to this effect had been sent to the International Mercantile Marine in regard to the sailing of the American steamer St. Louis for England tomorrow, was emphatic in saying no orders had been issued against her sailing but that the opinion of the department had been given that it would be wiser to await the decision of the country in the broader issue of the controversy with Germany.

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OUR OPINIONS USELESS

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Count von Hertling, the Bavarian premier, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague, in addressing the Bavarian diet, said: "We know the views of all remain silent under our submarine warfare, but the time for considering other people's opinions has passed in view of this being the only possible way of bringing the war to a successful end."

"Nothing can stop us from our plan, whatever its consequences,"

President Swapped Views With Members of Senate

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—When President Wilson left the capitol tonight after two hours of conferences with members of the senate, one senator who had talked with him said a break in diplomatic relations with Germany practically was certain.

The president himself told the newspaper men only that he had come up to swap views and declined to say whether anything would be done tonight.

Three propositions, it was said, were discussed in the conference. They were: To break off diplomatic relations with Germany and give Ambassador Bernstorff his passports tomorrow.

To wait until some overt act had been committed against the rights of the United States by Germany before taking any action.

To re-define this country's position in the light of Germany's ruthless submarine campaign.

"There was general discussion of all these plans," said the senator. "But in my judgment the opinion of the majority was to break relations at once and give Bernstorff his passports tomorrow."

The president was asked if he contemplated addressing congress.

"Oh, that was not discussed at all," he said.

"The president was very careful not to state specifically what he had in mind," said Senator Overman.

Senator Fletcher said the president had as yet done nothing, but came to

LINEERS HELD WAITING WORD FROM GERMANY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Pending official advice from Secretary Lansing of the state department, President P. A. S. Franklin, of the International Mercantile Marine, said tonight that no official announcement could be made as to the sailing of the American line steamer St. Louis, scheduled to leave here at noon tomorrow.

Upon being informed that Mr. Lansing had stated in Washington that the line probably would be advised to wait until the sailing of the ship was decided, he added that he naturally would act in conformity with such a recommendation.

Preparations for the sailing of the ship proceeded today and tonight. A passenger office closed for the night it was announced that passage had been booked by 250 persons, with only fifteen cancellations. Of the number now listed, 130 are in the cabin and a large percentage of them are American citizens.

President Franklin emphasized a statement that the American line is a "national institution," having a contract with the United States government.

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GERMANY PLANS TO STARVE OUT BRITAIN WITH NEW CAMPAIGN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
BERLIN, Thursday, Feb. 2, via London, Feb. 2.—Expectations expressed in unofficial circles here that as a result of the new German campaign, the amount of tonnage sunk each month can be increased to about 1,000,000 tons, are based upon available figures showing that the German fleet, which is estimated at 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 tons.

This is believed here to be the gross registered tonnage upon which England's imports of foodstuffs, raw materials, and other necessities are based.

It is asserted that grain shipments from Australia to England are making steadily increased demands upon this tonnage which also must transport from Denmark 60 per cent of England's butter supply, and from Holland, virtually all of her margarine supply.

A considerable reduction of this tonnage, it is claimed, would limit England's supply of foodstuffs so critically as to force a peace settlement.

On the other hand, if the United States should be drawn into the war, these unofficial critics foresee a proclamation of the war, and as a consequence, Europe completely exhausted and America weakened, while Japan's military strength, they assert, virtually would be unimpaired and her financial resources greatly increased.

Danger Zones Create Havoc
LONDON, Feb. 2.—The German danger zones have created a serious complication concerning shipping between American, Scandinavian, and Dutch ports, owing to the British blockade policy requiring ships bound eastward or westward to enter Kirkwall.

As Kirkwall is 60 miles inside the danger zone, American, Dutch and Scandinavian ships conforming to the present regulations cannot avail themselves of the open, mine-free channel.

It is pointed out that the system under which ships enter Kirkwall is not a compulsory one, but has been universally adopted by shipping as the only means of avoiding examination at sea.

Under the present system their diplomatic representatives at Washington, Copenhagen and elsewhere issue a certificate of assurance when cargoes are not to be examined at sea. But as the system is not compulsory, a number of steamers continue to run the risks of not putting in at Kirkwall.

One American ship, recently, ran through the British blockade and was seized at the British port. The number of blockade runners, however, is comparatively very small, as most of the traffic between the United States, Scandinavia and Holland is carried on by three large trans-Atlantic companies handling passenger and freight, by tramp steamers which have been consolidated under one general control in order to secure uniform observance of the blockade restriction.

Now that there is a German blockade to the British blockade, the British will be subjected to a double ordeal, which is expected to lead to more dangers and also to lead to more

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VILLA FOLLOWERS GRANTED AMNESTY FLEE TO MURGUIA

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
CHIHUAHUA CITY, Feb. 2.—General Francisco Murguía stated today that his proclamation of amnesty is bringing in increased numbers of Villa followers who are giving up their arms and returning to civil life.

Local newspapers assert that the discord between Villa, Salazar and Acosta has grown serious and two minor battles have been fought in the United States ten hours before the note was released, probably will be the first witness.

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Carranza Waiting
QUERETARO, Feb. 2.—General Carranza probably will remain here until the sleigh of February, when it is expected he will go to Guadalajara to attend the commencement of the construction of the new railroad. There is some talk of General Carranza returning to Mexico City on horseback.

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French Government Will Mobilize All Civil Population

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The French government has decided to mobilize the entire civilian population of France between the ages of 16 and 60 for national defense. Both sexes will be included in the mobilization.

The second day of the new German submarine warfare apparently has not resulted in any increased sinking of shipping. Dispatches from London announce the sinking to the bottom of five vessels, including one of neutral registry, and a report of the sinking of another.

The Spanish steamer Algorta of 2118 gross tons was the largest steamer sunk, the other being of less than 1000 tons, including two trawlers. The Norwegian steamer Hecla is believed to have been sunk. The Belgian trawler Marcelle was sunk by gun fire.

On the battle fronts of Europe the fighting of the past few days continues. The greatest activity seemingly has taken place on the western front. There, however, only patrol engagements and reconnoitering expeditions have occurred. The French in addition to the regular artillery bombardments. Near Guendecourt, in the Somme region, British troops took sixty prisoners in a raid. Berlin also reports several successful raids in this area.

Had weather hampered large scale operations of the eastern and Macedonian fronts. Near Belgrade, south-west of Brazaun, in Galicia, German troops, Petrograd says, entered a Russian trench, but were later driven back to their own line. Petrograd reports that the Russian army is fighting in Rumania.

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VOTE "NO" TODAY AND SAVE SPLENDID SITE TO CREATE CIVIC CENTER FOR PHOENIX

To The People of Phoenix

At a conference very courteously granted me last Wednesday by the City Commission, at which Mayor Corbin and Commissioners Dunlap and Wood were present, I received the assurance of the Commissioners that should the people decide today not to sell the Central School property to private parties, the Commission, on the petition of two hundred representative taxpayers, would promptly present to the qualified voters of Phoenix the question of acquiring the Central school block for the purpose of the construction of a municipal building, thus creating a real civic center.

Representative citizens have advised me that if the people today vote to hold this property for public use and development, early next week the required petition will be filed with the Commission, that there may not be the slightest delay in proceeding with this very practical civic center plan, and at the same time obtaining for the school district the money it needs for school construction.

Judge Thomas Armstrong, Jr., advises me that if bonds were issued by the city for the purchase of the Central school block that the city would still be far below its statutory limit of debt. The city's credit is of the very best and these bonds would sell on an exceptionally favorable basis.

In my judgment, Phoenix is just completing a real period of development in its history, and the prompt completion of a real civic center on the proposed site will add greatly to the good fame and high standing of this city throughout the country. This idea of a civic center is in no sense a visionary or impractical one, but a plan which quantities of forward-looking cities in America are now putting into practice. It is in fact, a practical, constructive plan which can be promptly put into operation by the cooperation of public spirited citizens.

Every opportunity should be given the people of the county to join with the people of the city in the construction on this site of a joint administration building for the use of the county and city, and very earnestly believe that when this question is fairly put up to the people of the county and the great practical advantages of such a plan are shown them, that they will be glad to join with the people of the city in this plan.

The issue is clear. Shall you vote for a sale making a private profit for a few men; or by holding this site for the use of all the people, do your share in making Phoenix a city beautiful?

Let us endeavor to conduct this fight for the civic center vigorously but justly, with good nature and without criticism of those who differ from us. The issue is now up to the people of Phoenix. I believe they can be depended upon to preserve this property for the people's use.

Yours for a better Phoenix,

DWIGHT B. HEARD.

MUSICAL TREAT DELIGHTS EARS OF PHOENICIANS

Never before has a Phoenix audience shown such enthusiasm as was exhibited at the Columbia theater last evening when the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra presented a program that was beyond criticism. Society was there, music lovers were there and it looked as if all Phoenix was determined to hear the great musical attraction brought to this city by Eugene Redwell, judging from the automobiles parked in the vicinity of the playhouse.

A few, in the manner of the Phoenix, came fashionably late. Their coming did not interrupt the program for they remained in the lobby until the intermission, then they entered the theater. The prompt audience was duly thankful.

It was a delightful audience of appreciation of a very rare attraction. Practically everyone appeared to be enjoying the program, the orchestra was splendid and the reported deaths were told of in private advice.

Calls for wrecking crews from Ortonville were made, but it is being stated that it might be impossible to remove some of the injured from the

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HUTTON SATISFIED COMMITTEE THERE WAS REALLY A LEAK

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Pressure of international affairs today caused the congressional committee that has been investigating the so-called "leak" on President Wilson's recent peace note to transfer the inquiry to Washington.

Examination of witnesses will be resumed there tomorrow morning. The committee returned to Washington determined further to sound at once the source of transmission of F. A. Connelly's advance resume of the president's note from Connelly's Washington brokerage office to E. F. Hutton & Co., New York brokers.

George A. Ellis, Jr., of the Hutton firm, who put Connelly's information into a telegraphic warning to all of Hutton's correspondents in the United States ten hours before the note was released, probably will be the first witness.

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COMMISSIONERS PLEDGE CALLING OF AN ELECTION

Three Speakers to One Say
They Favor Retention of
School Block for Public
at Rotary Club's Meeting

Today's the day when Phoenix will decide whether it is a forward-looking city with up-to-date ideas and a desire for the best or whether it will sell its heritage for a mess of pottage, for today's the day when the people vote for or against a step which means a great civic center or its indefinite postponement. A vote to sell the Central school site to private parties today means that Phoenix will probably never centralize its public buildings, as all other forward-looking cities are doing or planning to do.

The objection advanced by those who see the dollar more clearly than the vision of the city's future, that "nothing will be done if the site is retained," is answered in the statement that the city commission pledges itself to "submit the civic center project to the people upon a petition of 200 citizens."

With such a submission assured, it means that if the people will hold on to what they own and vote "no" today on the plan to sell the land for commercial purposes, they will carry out the splendid civic center idea which will immediately follow.

The polls are open from 10 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock this evening. There is but one polling place—the Central school site. Those who are parents of children of school age or who are on the tax roll, may vote.

The question is whether the block shall be sold for private and speculative use to commercially interested people, or if this plan is defeated, be sold to the people themselves for a civic center. In the latter case, the school board gets the money it needs just as well as in the former. That is why A. A. Betts of the school board said yesterday:

"It is not advisable to sell the Central school property at this time. It will be a very unwise move on the part of the taxpayers. A civic center will be a far better asset than the sum to be obtained from the sale of the property."

Mr. Betts knows what he is talking about.

Making Dreams Come True
Yesterday afternoon the Rotary club, that band of "five wires," heard arguments for and against a civic center. Three times as many members spoke in favor of retaining the land for public use as spoke for its sale for commercial purposes. In fact, but the speaker was not alone in voting to sell the land today.

Lin B. Orme well voiced the thought of the thoughtful when he said:

"It is said that a Civic Center is a dream. So was the Roosevelt dam a dream, a mighty dream which has come true. This city center is the money to buy this property and make money in so doing. The Civic Center may be a dream, but the city center is a reality. In this valley have been dream and vision. Unless we dream and plan for the future we will never have

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